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**CONNECTICUT DPUC NAMES LONDON ECONOMICS TO ASSIST
IN OVERSIGHT OF CL&P'S AUCTION FOR 2006 TRANSITIONAL STANDARD OFFER**

BOSTON, September 22, 2005 – The Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC), after review of proposals received in response to their RFP, has selected London Economics International to advise the DPUC in overseeing Connecticut Light & Power's (CL&P) competitive bidding process to procure energy and capacity to meet its transitional standard offer for 2006.

London Economics will support the DPUC team throughout the entire CL&P auction process, including developing and evaluating the request for proposals and master sales agreement, monitoring initial bidding, and evaluating final bids submitted and subsequent negotiations. At the conclusion of its assignment, London Economics will draft testimony and offer an independent expert opinion on the fairness of the process and selection of the winning bids.

Julia Frayer, Managing Director at London Economics' Boston office will head the engagement. Asked about this opportunity to work with CL&P and the DPUC, Ms. Frayer commented that she was "very much looking forward to working with the DPUC staff and CL&P on this year's TSO procurement process."

London Economics International LLC has performed more than two dozen consulting and advisory projects in the Northeast for a variety of power sector parties including IPP developers, utilities, and electricity consumers. The firm provides consulting services and expert testimony on economic, financial, regulatory, and strategic issues to corporations, law firms, and public agencies world-wide from its Boston headquarters, with affiliated offices in New York City, Toronto, Mexico City, Melbourne, London, and Paris. For more information on London Economics' competitive procurement and auction design expertise, please call Julia Frayer at 1-617-494-8200.

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